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All Together, Let Us Go and Get It, Now

High Point After M. P. College

Enthusiastic Mass Meeting of Citizens Monday Night--All Agree That This City Needs and Should Have the Institution--Several Talks.

With J. J. Farriss, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presiding, before a large audience at the auditorium in the interest of the M. P. college, soon to be located in North Carolina, a very enthusiastic meeting was held. The chairman made an excellent appeal for the location of the college here, after which the children from the M. P. Home sang a song which made a strong appeal for the college for High Point, ending with the "High Point yell." It found spontaneous approval and was repeated at the closing of the mass meeting.

The next speaker was Rev. Rowland W. Brown, who declared that High Point needed the college more than the college needed High Point.

Dr. J. T. Burrus, representing the Commercial club, wanted to know just what offer we had to make to secure the college and we would meet it.

W. L. Stamey, representing the Kiwanis club, said that since the M. P. Home was here we should by all means have the college and that every Kiwanian as well as every other or-

ganization in the city were solidly behind the movement.

Robert Brockett, Sr., said that we must look after other things besides the Commercial value and that it would prove a great investment for the people of High Point, intellectually and morally.

Rev. Mr. Trott, of the Episcopal church; Charles C. Robbins, John W. Hedrick, Joe W. Sechrest of the Jr. O. U. A. M., Baxter Smith, and the secretary of the labor union were among others making timely and interesting remarks.

Chairman Farriss then named a committee of some 25 representative business men to get together at once and formulate plans for the securing of the college.

It was brought out at the meeting that this was our only chance, as practically every denomination had a college established somewhere in the state and that if we failed on this one we would be without a college. It is the belief of those in a position to know that all things being equal the college will come to High Point and the committee wants to make a fine showing when it lays High Point's claims before the college committee sometime the latter part of this month.

Captain A. M. Rankin and John S. Pickett, is the location committee of the college from High Point.

Seniors Will Give Minstrel Thursday

"Darktown Follies," a minstrel show will be presented Thursday night in the high school auditorium for the benefit of the senior class of the local institution. Members of the class are to take part in the production and they boast of an all-cast.

The minstrel, according to reports, is filled with jazz, ginger and everything that goes to make up a real snappy show. There will be clever comedians, dainty dancers and the latest song numbers.

The curtain will rise promptly at 8 o'clock, the management announces.

Twentieth Anniversary of Reformed Church

Sunday and Monday, March 6 and 7, will mark the observance of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the First Reformed church in High Point. Prominent ministers who have served as pastors of the local church will be present and make addresses. Interesting programs will be rendered.

On Monday morning, March 6, at 11 o'clock, a historical service will be held. Rev. L. A. Peeler, former pastor of the First Reformed church, but who now has the pastorate of a church in Kannapolis, will be the speaker at that service. At the evening service Rev. D. E. Bowers, of Winston-Salem, will speak. Rev. Mr. Bowers has also been pastor of the local church.

On the following Monday night, Dr. J. C. Leonard, of Lexington, will be the chief speaker at a service that gives promise of being interesting and enthusiastic. Charter members of the church will also make brief talks. Dr. Leonard was largely responsible for organization of the local congregation. The meeting on Monday night will end with a social hour.

Jury Gives Cautious Verdict for \$300

F. P. Cauble, of High Point, was awarded \$300 damages Thursday by a Superior court jury, in Greensboro, hearing evidence in his suit against the American Railway Express company.

The case was taken up Wednesday afternoon and was not completed until Wednesday. The plaintiff, represented by John N. Wilson, of Greensboro, and J. M. Hedgecock, of this city, was suing the express company to recover damages for a broken adding machine the corporation was transporting. Col. John A. Barringer, of Greensboro, appeared for the defendant.

Presbyterians to Have Missionary

The members of the First Presbyterian church held a meeting at the conclusion of the regular service Sunday night and voted unanimously to support a missionary in the foreign field.

The meeting was held in the church auditorium and almost every member voted to do his or her part in an effort to carry the gospel to the Orient. Rev. Mr. Smythe, of South Carolina, a graduate of Harvard university, will have the support of the local congregation, according to a decision reached last night. It costs \$1,350 to support a missionary in those countries, it was learned.

Decision to support Mr. Smythe came after the Presbyterians had heard a strong and masterful sermon by Mr. Egbert Watson Smith, of Nashville, Tenn., who spent eight months in the mission field.

Wilbur Stamey, of Greensboro, spent a few hours in the city Monday.

Prominent Farmer Died on Saturday

Henry Bundy, prominent farmer of Jamestown, died Saturday morning at 5 o'clock in St. Leo's hospital, Greensboro, where he had been a patient for a week, according to information received in High Point this afternoon.

Mr. Bundy was 59 years of age, having been born in Guilford county on December 2, 1861, a son of Harmon and Susan Bundy.

Surviving are the widow, two sons, O. C. and Tandy Bundy; three daughters, Mrs. J. S. Lee, of Charlotte, and Miss Irma Bundy, of Pinehurst, and Miss Gertrude Bundy, of Jamestown; two brothers, Harmon Bundy, of High Point, and Shubal Bundy, of Concord, and one sister, Mrs. Marian Lamb, of Jamestown.

A brief service was held at the home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the funeral was held at 3 o'clock at Deep River church, conducted by Rev. W. C. Jones, assisted by Mrs. Ida L. Curtis, pastor of the Deep River church.

The interment followed in the church graveyard. Ragsdale council No. 169 Jr. O. U. A. M., of which the deceased was a member was in charge of the services at the grave.

Deep River Church News, Route No. 1

Misses Jeannie and Adelaide White are the purchasers of a new Ford touring car.

W. A. Gattis Foster, and sister, Mrs. Nora F. Lloyd, have returned home after spending several days in High Point with relatives.

The farmers do not seem just now very enthusiastic over raising another crop of tobacco.

Our good sand-clay road leading from Deep River Friends church to the Methodist Protestant orphanage has for the first time since it was built several years ago been badly cut up and in some places is almost impassable.

Mr. N. L. Gossett, whose health for the past several months has not been very good, seems to be somewhat improved.

Upon the new Congress depends largely the prosperity and industrial activity of this country for the next two years. Will that body prove competent to handle the task before it. Will our national lawmakers prove themselves efficient? Will they show themselves statesmen rather than partisans of the cheap and reckless type? Will they measure up to the high requirements the present crises now confronting this country demand of them? This is a question in which the whole people are vitally concerned. We are trying to be optimistic.

Messrs. Virgil and Clifton Willard have moved to their farm bought some months ago and formerly known as the "Palmer Place." We are glad to welcome these splendid young men to our community.

A new telephone line is being built from this neighborhood to High Point connecting with the North State Telephone exchange in that city. The subscribers, or those putting in telephones, are: Virgil Horne, Charlie Jackson, Will Wheeler, John Hay-Jackson, Ed. Williams, Clifton Willard, Virgil Willard, Ernest White, Gattis Foster, Lee Sken, Lee Royal, W. A. Gattis, Foster.

Governor Brown's Opinion

Boston.—Gov. Albert O. Brown, of New Hampshire, who was a guest at the midwinter meeting of the New Hampshire Weekly Publishers' Association at Boston, speaking at their business meeting, classed the country weeklies as being the papers of influence, and said he knew that they were read from beginning to end, and all. "They hold," he said, "within certain limits, the destiny of the town, and are the backbone of the state."

Negro Groceryman Says He Was Robbed

Throwing Revolver in His Face Masked Men Get Away With Money and Watch.

Two masked men, supposed to be white, entered the grocery store of F. C. White, negro merchant in Mount-town, about 9:15 Saturday night and, holding the storekeeper at bay with revolvers, relieved the cash register of about \$155 and White's gold watch, according to a story he told the police, who were summoned immediately after the hold-up men left the place.

White was in the store alone at the time, when two men with handkerchiefs concealing their faces, and caps pulled over their eyes, entered and thrust revolvers in his face, at the same time demanding his money. One of the robbers kept the storekeeper covered while the other opened the cash register. The men worked quickly and quietly and passersby did not observe them in the store.

White described the men to the police as being of medium build and height. They wore caps pulled closely over their faces. White believes the two were white men, telling the police they attempted to disguise as negroes by using burnt cork or other substance.

High Point Man Held on Liquor Indictment

Officers Find Whisky on Premises of William Gurley, Meat Market Man--Gives \$500 Bond.

William Gurley, High Point meat market man, was placed under arrest Saturday afternoon by county and federal officers for having in his possession about seven gallons of whisky. He was indicted before Commissioner Brown, of High Point, waived examination, and was bound over to federal court under a bond of \$500.

Revenue Officer J. H. Johnson and Deputy Sheriff Joe Phipps, J. P. Brown, and B. O. Clark, suspecting Gurley of having liquor, went to his market at High Point, arrested him, took him to his home about three miles from the Furniture City, and there found hidden in his house and barn, the whisky, which was in pint, half-gallon and two-gallon containers.

Officers say that he admitted his guilt, said he had been selling a little whisky for some time in order to pay his debts, and gave his word that he was through—that he was going to quit the illegal business.

Darden to Manage Altapont Hotel

It was announced in Greensboro Thursday that H. L. Darden, assistant manager of the O. Henry hotel, will come to High Point July 1 to become manager of the Altapont, now being constructed here and which is expected to be ready for occupancy by that time.

Mr. Darden went to Greensboro one year ago, leaving Roanoke, Va. He has been in the hotel business for 12 years and is considered a capable hotel man.

High Point Route 4 By Mary A. Clodfelter

Mrs. C. C. Smith was the guest of Mrs. Mary Clodfelter last Saturday morning.

Roby Clodfelter spent last Sunday with his parents.

Since working the roads they seem to be in a worse condition than ever owing to the recent rains.

If the weather continues good the majority of the farmers will start their plowing.

The funeral of Mrs. Maud Clodfelter was held at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Rhempert Bailey, Wednesday morning. Although Mrs. Clodfelter had been in declining health for two years, owing to tuberculosis, her death came as a surprise to many of her friends. The deceased was 26 years old and is survived by her husband, two children, Mr. Motesinger, her aged father, one brother Marvin Motesinger, and a sister, Mrs. Rhempert Bailey. Several months prior to her death, Mr. and Mrs. Clodfelter haven't been living together. Friends of the deceased family extend their heartfelt sympathy during their sad bereavement.

Misses Wilmer and Janie Clodfelter, Misses Minnie and Ollie Myers spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Clodfelter.

We understand that Wallburg Route 1 will soon have another mail carrier. Mr. Lanning, of Lexington; Alfred Clinard and Chester Motesinger have applied for it. As yet they haven't received any reply from Washington. We think someone here should have it instead of someone from Lexington. Mr. Lanning was here Saturday looking over the roads, etc. As Mr. Clinard is thoroughly familiar with the route and people we think it would be more advisable to accept his application.

We had quite a storm last Sunday morning, mostly wind.

Jurors Kneel in Prayer Convict Mrs. Varner

After 42 Hours Deliberation Jury Saturday Found Her Guilty of Having Illicit Relations With Negro, McRary, Thus Condemning Her to a Life Beyond the Pale of Poite Society—Mrs. Varner, Prostrated, Says "I'm Innocent."

Mrs. Florence C. Varner, wife of H. B. Varner, prominent publisher and business man of Lexington, is guilty of illicit relations with R. Baxter McRary, wealthy mulatto, formerly of Lexington, now of Cincinnati, O. This was the crux of the verdict returned Saturday morning at 10:10 o'clock by the jury in the United States district court, after 42 hours of deliberation. It closed the first chapter of one of the most sensational litigations ever waged in the courts of justice in the Old North State. The trial commenced Tuesday morning, February 15, and was fought furiously by both sides until 8:45 p. m. Thursday, February 24, when the case was given to the jury for decision. Not in the history of North Carolina, perhaps, has a trial created so much interest, not only in this, but in practically all southern states. Mrs. Varner was suing her husband for a reasonable subsistence, laying claim to the Varner building in Lexington, valued at \$50,000. In her complaint she alleged that he had wilfully and maliciously abandoned her.

Upon learning of the verdict, Mr. Varner, with tears in his eyes, said: "I am glad it is over. It is a matter of grief to me, but I want to see justice done and I intend to prosecute the mulatto to the end. I appreciate the fact that I have got a fair trial here. I was never in doubt about the verdict."

"I'm Innocent," Says Mrs. Varner.

Mrs. Varner was notified of the verdict by one of her attorneys, shortly after it was announced. She collapsed, declaring, "I'm innocent." Mrs. Varner has been a patient at Glenwood sanatorium for several weeks. Attendants there declare that it will be some time before she is able to decide upon her future course.

Shortly before 9 o'clock the jury, after spending almost a sleepless night, returned to the consultation room. At 10 o'clock a message was forwarded to Judge James E. Boyd, informing him that it had arrived at a verdict.

The jurist received them in the court room at 10:10 o'clock. "What is your verdict, gentlemen?" asked the judge.

"We have found Mrs. Varner guilty of committing adultery with Baxter McRary," responded Foreman P. M. Summers, a man apparently over 60 years of age.

The judge read the issues submitted to the jury and then incorporated his answers.

O. L. Sapp, who fought untiringly for Mrs. Varner, declared that he could not state whether or not an appeal would to the circuit court of appeals will be filed. He declared that his client is prostrated as a result of the verdict and is totally unable to consider the matter.

Mr. Sapp declared that he was greatly shocked at the decision. Continuing he said: "I feel about all I believe that Mrs. Varner is innocent of the crime with which she is charged."

It was learned on good authority yesterday that Thursday afternoon, shortly after the jury went to its room to deliberate, the first vote stood seven for Mr. Varner and five against him. Those for him were: P. M. Summers, Alancie; E. E. Byrd, Randolph; J. M. Joyce, Rockingham; W. H. Parker, Chapel Hill; J. J. Robinson, Leaksville; F. J. Thomas, Greensboro, and W. M. Moffitt, Randolph. Those against him: J. H. Langley, Guilford; M. C. Reeves, Winston-Salem; T. E. Hodgins, Greensboro; J. H. Coombs, Greensboro, and L. H. Starmer, Greensboro.

In the course of an hour another vote brought Mr. Starmer over to the majority. The 12 men retired at 10 p. m. Thursday with the vote standing eight to four in favor of the defendant.

Jurors Pray for Guidance

Throughout the deliberation the men bowed their heads in prayer, asking Divine guidance in probably the most momentous task they were ever confronted with, it was learned.

A free discussion took place Friday morning, but the lines stood still. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon it appeared to be a hopeless case—a veritable deadlock was reached. The foreman sent an message to the judge asking for a hearing. At this time it was announced that they could not agree; whereupon Judge Boyd sent them back, declaring that the case was too important, that a mistrial would be a calamity to the parties to the suit, and almost a public calamity. He concluded: "This matter is submitted to you upon the testimony and the facts in the case and the court is going to give you time to arrive at a verdict."

It was learned that this meeting with the judge had great weight in breaking the deadlock. However, no change was registered Friday night, the two sides holding their own.

Prayer Service, Then Conviction.

But, Saturday morning, following a prayer service, Mr. Coombs, of the minority, joined the ranks of the majority. He was quickly followed by the other three men, making the vote against Mrs. Varner unanimous.

It is understood that the three points upon which Mrs. Varner was convicted were: The fact that she had been warned to remain away from the Varner premises McRary continued to go; that Mrs. Varner, five years ago, when warned by Fred O. Sink of the talk in Lexington connecting her

One of The Greatest Movements for City

Community Service is Progressing Here

Meetings of the Committee to Push Matters Along; Learning the People to Play and Be Happy—Ex-Mayor McNinch to Address a Mass Meeting at Auditorium Monday Night.

The great Community Service work is in full swing and is receiving the hearty co-operation of the people of High Point in all the walks of life—just what is intended by the community service—to get the people together for a greater and better community as well as a healthier and happier community.

Miss Howe, the playground instructor, who has been here the past two weeks has worked wonders, ably assisted by Community Worker Cummins, both sent here gratis by the national organization. Doubtless few of the elder people of High Point and most of the children for that matter knew how to play in the real sense until shown by Miss Howe. Her work has proven an inspiration to all and as a result there is already a closer relationship existing between the people and the art of playing the old-fashioned, bamboo games is most responsible for it. Exhibitions have been given from time to time indoors and outdoors and already some good talent has developed which, it is hoped, will, with the aid of the committee, carry on the good work until shortly High Point will have the best playgrounds and other community work.

Miss Howe leaves the city March 9. From Wednesday, March 2nd, to Wednesday March 9th, inclusive, will be known as play week and in High Point and the event will be featured in store windows and otherwise.

Monday night the North Carolina leader in the work, ex-Mayor McNinch of Charlotte, will speak in the auditorium and a crowded house is expected to greet him. Mr. McNinch is a very interesting speaker. A sing will also be held that night and an exhibition play pulled off, so be on hand. You will never regret it.

This Community work means big things for High Point. It will give our boys and girl and the grown ups too, something to entertain them during their leisure hours and is destined to keep them away from harmful amusements.

Wedding Without Man Was a Big Success

A large audience turned out at the high school auditorium Thursday night to witness the "Womanless Wedding," the principals in which were W. H. Plummer and "Tommy" Thomas. The entertainment provided a continual round of laughter and nothing was lacking in the way of wardrobe, scenic setting, music or wedding "features." The stage picture, with all guests assembled, including little 250 pound girls attired in knee edresses, was a rare sight to behold.

A fine setting for the wedding had been formed with palms, spring flowers and ferns. A stringed orchestra played the wedding music and the noted "opera" star, Geraldine Farrar, (Gurney Briggs), sang "At Dawning" prior to the entrance of the wedding party. Other vocal solos were given by Mrs. Charles Kephart and Charles G. Dickerson. Officiating, and using the impressive ring ceremony, was "Rev." O. Arthur Kirkman.

Elegant costuming marked the evening's event, the bridal party and "retinue" of guests being gowned in the latest "evening" models and the conventional "black and white" of the dress-suit. Entrance was made down the long aisles of the "church" auditorium and the ceremony was performed before an improvised altar of palms and ferns.

The "bride's" attendants on this occasion were G. W. Thompson, Guy Wells, Dan Gregg and Charlie Hawthorth, as bridesmaids; Charlie Robbins, Chase Idol, Robert Parker, Charlie Mues, Julie Allen and dainty little W. T. Parker as ring bearer.

The "bride" entered last with her father, Elwood Cox, who gave her in marriage. The bridegroom had as his best man, Bascom Hoskins. Present were the father and mother of the "bridegroom," V. A. J. Idol and the W. C. Shipman, and the mother of the bride, Freda Tate. Mr. Tate, as the stately matron, the "perfect" hostess receiving her guests, was inimitable. Her two charming children, little sister and little brother, were really remarkable. They were "Miss" C. F. Tomlinson and Master Sam Davis.

Guests for the wedding were quite distinguished in opera, dramatic and "movie" circles. Constance Talmadge (Sib Burton) was a soloist and was attended by a "beauty chorus" of expert dancers. Annette Kellerman (Lester Teague) sang "I Love You Truly." She was beautiful in an evening gown of black. Frank Ogburn appeared as Schuman-Heink and Walt Chandler as Ruth St. Denis. Schuman-Heink sang and Miss St. Denis gave a reading instead of a dance.

A brilliant reception came during the appointed hours, and guests danced the Virginia reel. Arthur Lyon, as the little brother, Sam Davis. The butler announced the calling guests. He was Jack Dillon.

The "Womanless Wedding," presented Thursday night by Miss Clementine Miller, was indeed a success from start to finish. A capacity audience roared with laughter as guests appeared, and burst into wild applause when Bill Plummer entered in bridal array. The whole playlet was one laugh!

Big Proposition Before the Church People

The merger of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Tennessee will probably be definitely effected in Salisbury March 2. These two large bodies of Lutherans have been negotiating with each other relative to a union of their forces for several years, and now it seems that the merger is practically assured.

The two synods will hold separate meetings on Monday, March 1, for the purpose of considering such business as may come before them as separate synods. The North Carolina Synod, with Rev. Jacob L. Morgan, of Salisbury, presiding, will meet in Haven Lutheran church, Salisbury. The Tennessee synod, with Rev. W. A. Deaton, D. D., of Hickory, presiding, will meet in St. John's Lutheran church, Salisbury. On Tuesday, March 2, the two synods will come together into a merger meeting for the purpose of forming a permanent merger of their forces.

When this merger is finally effected it will mean the uniting of two mighty forces for more effective service in the church. These synods have an enrollment of 110 pastor, 214 congregations and a membership of 39,456. They have in this state three splendidly equipped educational institutions; Lenoir college, at Hickory, which is co-educational, with an enrollment of over 250; the Collegiate institute, Mt. Pleasant, with an enrollment of 175 young men and Amoenia seminary, at Mt. Pleasant, with an enrollment of over 100 young women. These synods also have large home and foreign missionary interests and aggressively support several institutions of mercy. During the past year there was a net increase in membership of over 2,000 members.

The North Carolina synod was organized in 1803, in St. John's Lutheran church, Salisbury, where the merger meeting will be held on March 2. After 16 years of harmony and rapid growth differences arose within the synod, and in 1819 a division occurred and the Tennessee synod came into existence. And now after more than a hundred years of separate existence the two synods will most probably merge into one strong and united body.

More than 200 pastors and laymen will assemble in Salisbury for the merger meeting. At this joint session, or merger meeting, the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., secretary of the United Lutheran church in America, will preach the opening sermon.

Miss Lelia Pell spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Claude Jones, at Liberty.

Senator Champ Clark died today. Stamey repairs your watch or jewelry to give service.

Autos Damaged in Garage Fire

Fire shortly after 10 o'clock Saturday night damaged two automobiles in the garage of the National Motor company on East High street.

The blaze originated on the back seat of a Lexington car, from a battery, and before extinguished one wheel of a Patterson had also become ignited. The building was not damaged to any great extent.

Prompt use of fire fighting equipment prevented the entire building from being destroyed.